

# Broughty Ferry Community Council

**Minute of Ordinary Meeting held in Broughty Ferry Library on Tuesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.**

Meeting opened at 7.30pm (Following the AGM)

**1. Community Councillors Present**

Neil Cooney (Chair), James Doig (Secretary), David Easson (Treasurer), Stan Nutt (Licensing), Charlie Delaney, Chris Johnson, Doreen Phillips, Doug McLaren, Fiona Potton, Isabel McLean, Norma McGovern, Tara Javed.

**In Attendance**

Nil

**Ex-Officio**

Bailie Derek Scott.

**Apologies**

John Watson (Planning Secretary), Gavin Mackenzie, Cllr Craig Duncan, Cllr Philip Scott. Christine Miller, Joanne Kelly.

**Members of the Public Present**

One member of the public was in attendance.

**2. Minute of Previous Meeting (5<sup>th</sup> April 2022)**

The draft minute previously distributed to all members was agreed in its entirety and proposed by Neil Cooney seconded by Tara Javed.

**3. Matters Arising from Previous Minute**

There were no matters arising from the minute.

**4. Chairs Report**

As per the AGM ( Neil welcomed all to the meeting, highlighting the Flood Defence project and the large number of people visiting central Broughty Ferry. Our thanks to Anna Robb, Natalie Mackland, Sarah Barham & Jacqui Fleming for their time, help and assistance during their time on BFCC).

**5. Matters Raised by Members of the Public (Previously Intimated)**

Email to Philip Scott cc; the Secretary regarding dog's on Broughty Ferry beach during the summer months, the member of the public in attendance highlighted the problems from a minority of dog walkers and looked forward to the outcome of Bailie Scott's stakeholder meeting and the promised new signs (meeting due 17/05/2022). (see Bailie Scott's report).

Web form regarding tree/Planning application, 80 Monifieth Road (see Planning report).

**6. Action Plan & Public Engagement Ideas**

Nil at the present time.

**7. Police Report**

Nil Report

(Community Councillors unsatisfied yet again at the lack of a Police report).

Chair Neil Cooney will follow up.

**8. Secretary's Report (Previously distributed)**

**Update on Broughty Ferry Flood Protection Scheme (Previously distributed)**

Pictures taken and forwarded to BFCC members.

No further update from McLaughlin & Harvey, Nearing the end of the project. Beach Crescent cycle / walkway open to the public. An extension to the project, around by the Castle to the Esplanade was agreed by DCC..

**Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received since our last meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

6/4 Email regarding dogs on beach during the summer months (see 5 above).

8/4 Information regarding Glass Pavilion liquor licence and planning application.

10/4 Web; A thanks for the friendliness and welcoming received whilst visiting Broughty Ferry.

11/4 Email from Community Councillor Brian Stewart tendering his resignation.

14/4 Web; Concern regarding tree / Planning application at 80 Monifieth Road.

14/4 Email from Bailie Scott, meeting 17/5 regarding beach issues.

16/4 Information from Planning Secretary regarding tree application 22/00253 &

22/00261 (80 Monifieth Road).

18/4 Web; Objections from Dundee cycling forum regarding Planning application 22/00237/Full (38 Long Lane).

19/4 Web; Further comment and objection regarding 21/00689/FULL, The Ship Inn, extension on new footpath.

26/4 From DCC, Prohibition of driving order(Union Street, Dundee).

28/4 Bailie Scott will give a verbal report update at Tuesday's meeting.  
28/4 Traffic Hazard info re trailer at Victoria Road from Bailie Scott.  
29/4 Stobswell Forum; Stobfest 2022 (16/5/22 – 7-8.30pm – Arthurstone Library).  
29/4 DCC; Refurbishment of historic lighting columns, Fisher Street Pier.

**9. Planning Report for the period 25<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022  
(Previously distributed)**

**22/00252/TREE;** This application referred to the removal of a dangerous tree within the curtilage of 80 Monifieth Road. The tree is not within the Reres Hill Conservation Area. BFCC's preliminary view sent to the case officer (previously circulated) was that it supported the application and requires to be ratified or otherwise. This was ratified, proposed by Neil Cooney, seconded by James Doig and agreed by members present.

**22/00261/Tree;** This application caused some difficulty in interpreting what exactly was being proposed. It was made by the resident of 80 Monifieth Road who proposed to, with the owner's consent, remove some branches of two trees in the garden of 10 Yewbank Avenue that were causing concern. The trees are within the Reres Hill Conservation Area. A concerned resident adjacent to the 80 Monifieth Road site contacted BFCC whose interpretation was that the proposal was to remove two trees. After some correspondence passed between the concerned resident and the Planning Secretary, BFCC's preliminary view was sent to the Case Officer, and previously circulated among members, that it supported the application subject to the condition that the trees remain but that the crown of each be reduced to a level of one metre above where the branch spread begins from the main trunk. This requires to be ratified or otherwise. This was ratified and agreed by the members, proposed by Neil Cooney, seconded by James Doig.

**22/00236/FULL; Single storey extension and alterations to house and erection of garage, 80 Monifieth Road;** BFCC provided comment on this application (Circulated to members) after visiting the site to verify or otherwise comments expressing concern made by email from a resident adjacent to the application site to the Planning Secretary. Comment was sent to the Case Officer and requires to be ratified or otherwise (BFCC can see no reason to object to the application and provides a letter of representation to assist in the planning process). This was ratified, proposed by Neil Cooney, seconded by James Doig and agreed by the members present

**22/00237/Full; Erection of four-storey residential building containing 10 flatted dwellings and associated external works, change of use of store building to Class 1 (retail) use and demolition of existing buildings, 38 Long Lane.** After careful consideration of this application a letter (previously circulated) was sent to the Case Officer. BFCC's preliminary view is that it supports the application and requires to be ratified or otherwise. Following a lengthy discussion with Community Council member Doug McLaren regarding the paper of objection from Dundee cycle forum which stated their passion for climate change and the non-requirement for parking spaces, in a query from the Secretary regarding his link with the cycle forum, Doug stated there was no

connection with them. The secretary highlighted the current planning legislation regarding the requirement for 1.3 parking spaces per flat. BFCC members present supported the application whilst noting the views of the objector.

**Notice of Review – Planning Application 21/00689/FULL – Refused December 2021. Change of use from public footway to outside dining and drinking area, including the erection of a shelter (retrospective) (Temporary 2-year permission).** At the end of March 2022, the applicant applied for a review of the decision to refuse the application. BFCC having objected to the application was given the opportunity to make further representations to the Local Review Board. During the recent past weeks BFCC has been asked by concerned residents when the shelter would be removed. BFCC request that the Review Board is that it upholds the decision to refuse the application and, should it be within its powers, instruct that the shelter be removed with immediate effect and the ground reinstated to a condition of that prior to its erection. A copy of this representation was circulated and requires to be ratified or otherwise. Members agreed that this shelter be removed with immediate effect and was proposed by James Doig, seconded by Chris Johnson.

**22/00018/FULL - Erection of 2 houses, land south of Anton House, Forthill Road;** BFCC objected to this application which has since been withdrawn.

**20/00485/FULL - 105 Monifieth Road- Boundary wall on Abertay Street;** The breeze block finish of this new wall has now been rendered and is in the process of satisfying the approved plans..

**Stopping up Order – Mill Street – Appeal;** After the report to the April meeting of this Council which referred to this appeal, the Government Reporter held a site meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April to explore some outstanding matters prior to decision which is now awaited.

**20/00206/LBC – Partial demolition of listed building and alterations – 383 Brook Street.** BFCC objected to this application over two years ago. It was refused in a notice dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**10. Licensing Report.**

Licensing Secretary Stan intimated he had received an application for a seven day licence from the Rose Lounge (Gulistan) 3 days after the close of comments but stated there were now a lack of venues within the Broughty Ferry area due to closure of some businesses, the present building was deemed unsuitable for conversion to housing.

**11. Public Relations Report**

Chair Neil had been contacted by the Courier & Telegraph regarding the recent anti-social behaviour in Broughty Ferry, stating the police were aware of the

problems and recognised persons involved.

## **12. Treasurer's Report**

In addition to the financial statement highlighted at the AGM, David indicated £31.76 had been paid to the Secretary for expenses for 2021-2022 but would be included in current (2022-2023) financial year.

## **13. Matters Raised by Community Councillors**

Concern was raised with regard to the future removal of the toilet block within Queen Street car park. DCC (Rod Houston) having stated the Library toilet would be utilised which is not satisfactory as it is seen as a safe environment (especially for children and vulnerable persons, there is no security staff, it is only cleaned once per day (1 hour), it would require upgrading and maintenance. The only other toilets are located some distance from central Broughty Ferry at Castle green and Windmill car park.

Due to time restrictions no decision was made and this item to be discussed at the next meeting.

Electric parking spaces in Camperdown Street; non electric vehicles utilising spaces and although there is new signage they are not presently legal as DCC requires to apply for change of use. The disabled spaces also require to be repainted. Bailie Scott to investigate and report back.

Although BFCC has not been officially notified, Broughty Ferry Gala week is going ahead this year. It is suggested BFCC have a spot and Norma McGovern is to investigate.

It was highlighted that a family of Ukrainian's living with relatives in Broughty Ferry are to be rehoused in the old St Luke's & Queen Street manse in Albert Road which is being refurbished.

The following paper was highlighted; recent spate of Anti-social Behaviour, shouting, swearing, pressing buzzers at 72 – 100 Abercromby Street on 12/03/22. Residents wakened in the early hours with all the buzzers going at 6.30am with someone trying to gain access.

Doors slamming, shouting, swearing at 1.15am, 3.00am, 5.00am, 7.15am. Persons seen going from block to block and into bin recess.

Issue was reported to ASBO team officer and police phoned. This problem has occurred on numerous occasions but cannot always get through to police on 101.

Bin Recess Issue; Youths going into bin recess and hanging out inside smoking weed (the whole block can be smelling of it). Youths are there repeatedly with Anti-social behaviour team and police being informed, on one occasion followed into the block by youth going to one of the upper flats (male and high on drugs, walking right behind resident making him feel uncomfortable).

Having reported incidents and ASBO officer sympathetic states no punitive action can be taken unless names and description of those involved produced.

Advice is to phone community wardens to get youths details to pass to ASBO team.

When something happens and cannot get through to police on 101, what do we do ?

A neighbour phoned 999 regarding youths in the block but was told it was not an emergency. In the bin recess there is cardboard on the floor and bin containers are moved when youths have been in. Where are they getting the drugs from ?

There is also an issue of persons trying various door handles in the block and have been confirmed by neighbours. Reported these incidents to both ASBO team and police but told to keep reporting incidents and keep doors locked, again they require a description and details of persons involved.

#### **14. Contributions from Elected Members**

##### **Bailie Derek Scott's Report**

Bailie Scott gave a brief verbal report with a written report forwarded to the Secretary following the meeting.

**Winkie the pigeon;** Broughty Ferry cub / scouts contacted me about bringing home Winkie the pigeon. Winkie was a blue chequered hen belonging to George Ross of Long Lane. She is remembered as among the first recipients of the Dickin Medal, awarded in 1943 for assisting in the rescue of an aircrew forced to ditch in the North Sea during the Second World War.

The cubs have asked if we can get the stuffed remains of Winkie, along with her medals, relocated from the McManus Gallery to Broughty Castle Museum and also if it would be possible to have a life-size statue of Winkie somewhere in Broughty Ferry.

In respect of the location, I have asked Leisure & Culture Dundee if this can be done, and in respect of a statue my enquiry to the city development department has been passed to the council's public art officer and also the project manager for the active travel corridor for consideration. I advised the cub / scouts that I would make the council aware of their interest in this project.

**Anti-social Behaviour;** I asked for a meeting to be arranged with representatives from the environment department, the anti-social behaviour team, the council's legal section, Forth Ports, the police and the four Ferry councillors to discuss the forthcoming bathing/water sports season at Broughty Ferry beach/harbour to help ensure the smooth running of the 2022 summer season. This will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**New water front railings;** Residents contacted me to ask why many of the base plates of the railings on the new waterfront walkway already have signs of corrosion on them. I raised the issue with the project manager and he advised that the matter has been notified to the contractor as a defect and still has to be rectified. The contractor has 1 year from the completion to rectify defects that exist at completion or become apparent during the 1-year maintenance period.

**Tennis Courts;** It is estimated the work to upgrade the tennis courts on the Esplanade will commence in mid-May and be completed by the start of July.

**Gutters & channels;** I have been chasing the council to clean up the gutters and channels that have remained blocked with leaves and other debris for several months. Most of the locations I have reported have now been attended to and I have asked that going forward this work is done more frequently to avoid gullies from getting blocked, which causes localised flooding.

##### **Cllr Craig Duncan's Report (Previously distributed)**

**Beach Crescent New Waterfront Safety Issues;** I received a report of someone suffering a fall in this vicinity, apparently slipping or tripping down the new terrace style steps and I raised this with the council and contractors and am advised that there are plans to install handrails / guardrails to minimise risk, although it is self-evident that all risk in a public place cannot be entirely prevented and individuals accordingly need to display some caution themselves.

**Dawson Park – New Plantings;** Residents may have seen that the council has recently been installing new areas of plants etc in Dawson Park which is very welcome and I have suggested that the appearance of the park, particularly in spring might be enhanced by the addition of some snowdrops and crocus such as make Orchar Park so attractive in springtime and the council have agreed to this in certain areas such as the pathways near Dunnottar car park.

**Gillies Park – Anti-Social Behaviour;** I continue to raise instances of problematic behaviour in Gillies Park including alleged drug related activity with the relevant authorities and most recently had the council swiftly remove a “den” in the trees near the phone mast composed of garden furniture and indeed a couch apparently uplifted by youths from outside flats in Abercromby Street. Several residents had voiced fears that this impromptu assemblage would likely lead to underage drinking etc and I am grateful for the council acting rapidly.

**Monifieth Road – Missing Bus Stop;** I have on multiple occasions asked the council to replace the missing bus stop at Reres Hill park and despite previous assurances, it is still missing and accordingly I have again reiterated my request and at higher level.

**Leaves Clear Up;** Since Autumn I have asked the council to remove accumulations of leaves and other detritus in various locations such as Davidson Street, Cedar Road and Abercromby Street outside the Woodlands Hotel as these block gullies and pose a slip hazard to pedestrians when wet and I am glad to report that in recent days / weeks this work is now well in hand.

**Ukraine Flag – Old Steeple;** I am sure we are all appalled by the ongoing aggression and resultant tragedy in Ukraine and a resident in Broughty Ferry asked if it might be possible for the Ukraine flag to be flown from the Old Steeple in Dundee city centre as a gesture of solidarity with the people of Ukraine and I am pleased to say this is now the case and would like express my thanks to senior officers of the Leisure & Culture Dundee for making this happen and to the resident who suggested this laudable idea in the first place and I hope the situation in Ukraine does improve soon.

**15. AOCB**

There was no further competent business as all items had been highlighted and discussed earlier.

**It was agreed the next Ordinary Meeting of the Community Council would be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00pm.**